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Examiner: David M. GRAY

COMPLETION OF RECORD

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Sir:

On April 18, 2005, Applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in the above-captioned matter. In the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, a Japanese Office Action that issued in a Japanese patent family member of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0156832, was brought to the Examiner's attention, and Applicants stated that a copy of the same would be submitted as soon as it became available to Applicants.

To complete the record regarding the above-identified document, attached is a copy of the Japanese Office Action, along with an English language translation of said Office Action.

Additionally, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication Nos. 2000-023002; HEI 6-308592; HEI 7-199019; HEI 5-313226; HEI 7-295050; HEI 9-5849; and 2003-114473

were submitted in Japanese with an English language abstract. Applicant noted that English language translations would be submitted when available.

A full English language translation of each of the above-identified Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publications is enclosed, and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form for the convenience of the Examiner. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above-noted documents and to confirm such consideration by initialing and returning a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form to the Applicants.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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